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FOR DEP ASST SEC SOBER FROM HORAN

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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM

REF: A. STATE 152393; B. JIDDA 4764; C. STATE 155708

1. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR REF A, I ASKED USDEL RIYADH TO INFORM US ABOUT MCGUERTY'S VIEWS ON A DEPARTURE BY JUNE 30. RESPONSE WAS JIDDA'S 4764, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS MENTIONED HE WAS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO LEAVE JULY 2.

2. MESSAGE ALSO SPOKE OF "UNTIMELY INTERFERENCE". BY THIS MCGUERTY WAS REFERRING TO A DEMARCHE APPARENTLY MADE BY TREASURY TEAM AND BOWDEN TO DEPMIN LABOR MOHAMMED AL FAYEZ WHICH EMPHASIZED NEED TO GET CRACKING. FAYEZ RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO WHAT HE CONSIDERED PRESSURE, AND REPORTEDLY INDICATED DISCUSSIONS WOULD LAST AS LONG AS HE FELT WAS REQUIRED. BOWDEN CONCERN WITH TIME REFLECTED ALSO IN KUWAIT'S 2716).

3. MCGUERTY WAS THIS MORNING ASKED BY AL FAYEZ TO STAY AN EXTRA TWO WORKING DAYS SO THAT MINISTRY OF LABOR COULD COORDINATE WITH MINSTATE FOR FINANCE ABA AL-KHAYL. MCGUERTY THEREFORE MAY NOT LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. HE WILL COME THROUGH JIDDA FOR DEBRIEFING, AND I MAY HAVE SOME FURTHER INFO FOR YOU ON WHAT WAS COOKING IN RIYADH.

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4. MCGUERTY'S EXTENSION FOR ANOTHER FEW DAYS IS BEING DISCUSSED
IN A TELEX FROM RIYADH TO WASHINGTON. I URGE WE GO ALONG WITH
IT. REMAINDER OF TEAM DEPARTS TODAY, AND I GATHER AN
ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL SATISFACTION PREVAILS.
GOOD FINAL IMPRESSIONS SHOULD NOT BE MARRED BY ANY FURTHER INFERENCE
THAT OUR TIME IS MORE VALUABLE THAN THAT OF SAG.
HORAN

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